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ACTION STR FOR FEKETEKUTY, O'DAY, GREENWALD

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IN GROUP SECTORS: CANADIAN LETTER

REF: MTN GENEVA 1341

1. FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM CANADIAN DELEGATION
HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED AS GATT DOCUMENT MTN/SEC/W/20:

QUOTE. AT THE RECENT MEETING OF GROUP "FRAMEWORK" SOME
DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN UNDERTAKING WORK
REGARDING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS AND TAXES AND THE SUGGESTION
WAS MADE THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO EXAMINE THE
PROVISIONS OF THE GATT RELATING TO THESE MATTERS. THE
CANADIAN DELEGATION INDICATED, IN WRITING, OVER A YEAR
AGO, ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SUCH MATTERS RELATING
TO SUPPLY IN THE CONTEXT OF PRODUCT-RELATED GROUPS. BUT
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WE HAVE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WILL NOT ENGAGE IN
A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THESE ISSUES AT THIS TIME.
ACCORDINGLY, I SHOULD LIKE TO INDICATE THAT MY
DELEGATION WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXAMINE WITH OTHER
DELEGATIONS THE GATT PROVISIONS REGARDING EXPORT
RESTRICTIONS AND TAXES AT AN EARLY MEETING OF THE
SECTOR GROUP. END QUOTE.

2. WITH PROMPTING, CANADIAN DEL SAID THAT DESPITE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE LETTER MEANS CANADA READY TO PARTICIPATE IN "GENERAL" DISCUSSION OF RELEVANT GATT PROVISIONS, BUT ONLY IN SECTORS GROUP. ALSO, IT WOULD HOPE FOR "SECOND PHASE" IN WHICH CONCLUSIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THAT DISCUSSION COULD THEN BE APPLIED TO CANADIAN PRODUCT-SPECIFIC IDEAS ON NON-FERROUS METALS AND FOREST PRODUCTS. EC AND JAPAN VIEW CANADIAN SUGGESTION AS SUSPECT ON GROUNDS THAT THEY WOULD BE MANEUVERED INTO DISCUSSING CANADIAN SECTOR PROPOSALS.

3. COMMENT: WE SEE SERIOUS DRAWBACKS IN TAKING UP CANADIAN SUGGESTION: (A) DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING PRODUCT-SPECIFIC FOCUS OUT OF SUCH A DISCUSSION; (B) PROCEDURAL PITFALLS INHERENT IN SUCH TWO-FRONT DISCUSSION; AND (C) LIKELIHOOD THAT CANADIAN HOSTILITY WOULD REMAIN, EVEN GROW, IN CONTINUED GROUP FRAMEWORK DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT. IN ADDITION TO DEALING WITH THESE RISKS, ANY "RESIDUAL" APPROACH IN SECTORS GROUP WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO BE TAILORED TO OVERALL USG STRATEGY FOR THAT GROUP. CHANCES FOR USEFUL RESULTS FROM CANADIAN APPROACH ARE THEREFORE VERY LOW AND, ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND NO U.S. RESPONSE OR FORMAL REACTION TO THEIR DECLARATION.WALKER

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